

What's On

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays

Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall

Wednesdays (Alternate)

Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 890703

Cribbage 7.30pm The Plough

Thursdays

Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall

Fridays

Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall

NOVEMBER

2019



4th	Bonfire Night	5pm
	The Plough, Stalisfield	
6th	Otterden & Stalisfield W.I.	7.30pm
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
10th	CaféStyle	10.30am
	Eastling Village Hall	
10th	Service of Remembrance	10.40am
	Throwley Church	
13th	Parish Council meeting	6.30pm
	Eastling Village Hall	
15th	Copy deadline for December Good News	
	goodnewsmagazine@me.com	
17th	Eastling Choir practices begin	5pm
	Eastling Church	
19th	Painters Forstal with Selling W.I	2pm
	Eastling Village Hall	
21st	Harvest Charity Auction	7.30pm
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
26th	Publication of December Good News	

DECEMBER

6th & 7th	Jack and the Beanstalk	7.30pm
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
8th	Children's Christmas Party	
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
14th	Seniors' Christmas Tea	4pm
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
15th	Carol Service	5pm
	Stalisfield Church	
19th	Carol Singing	meet at 6pm
	Stalisfield Village Hall	
22nd	Carol Service	5pm
	Throwley Church	
24th	Carol Service	4pm
	Eastling Church	

Good News Parish Magazine

High Downs Parish

Serving the villages of Eastling, Otterden,
Stalisfield and Throwley

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HARVEST CHARITY AUCTION

21st November at 7:30pm

THE CARPENTERS ARMS

Better late than never, the famous Eastling auction returns, as does Paul Adams our auctioneer, along with his merry helpers. So dig out all your hidden treasures (and cash!) that you are ready to part with.

Proceeds will be split between the Kent Air Ambulance and UNICEF.

Please bring saleable items for auction on the day in good time for the start. As usual baking and other produce is most welcome.

See you there for an entertaining evening, all for a good cause

Throwley Village Choir

New members welcome.
Practices begin Sunday,
3rd November at 11am for
the Carol Service on 22nd
December.

Contact Gaynore :
gaynoremoss@hotmail.com
More details on centre pages.



Eastling Christmas Eve Carol Service Choir

Come and join our village
choir - it's a once in a year
opportunity! All voice and
abilities welcome.

Sunday practices starting
in Eastling Church on 17th
November, 5-6pm.

Stalisfield Carol Service

We need readers of all ages, singers for the choir and a soloist!
Call Kate on 07810 721125 more details on centre pages

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

AT
THROWLEY CHURCH

PLEASE GATHER OUTSIDE BY 10.40 AM
WHERE THE NAMES OF THE
FALLEN FROM THROWLEY, EASTLING
& STALISFIELD WILL BE READ OUT

ALL ARE WELCOME

Thankfulness

As I write I have just completed my first term of school assemblies this Autumn and we have been looking at the theme of thankfulness - being thankful.

I wonder what sort of things we might stop and be thankful for, and whilst I am saying that I realise that at times it can be hard to be thankful, but reflecting on something we are thankful for can be a great help to us.

There are many Psalms of Praise to God, of being thankful to God and Psalm 148 reminds us of how so much can shout that thankfulness to God.

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels; praise
him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise
him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you
highest heavens
and you waters
above the skies.

Let them praise
the name of the
Lord, for at his
command they
were created,
and he
established
them for ever
and ever—he
issued a decree
that will never pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you
great sea creatures and all ocean
depths, lightning and hail, snow and
clouds, stormy winds that do his
bidding, you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars, wild
animals and all cattle, small
creatures and flying birds, kings of
the earth and all nations, you
princes and all rulers on earth,
young men and women, old men
and children.

Let them praise the name of the
Lord, for his name alone is
exalted; his splendour is above the
earth and the heavens.

And he has raised up for his people
a horn, the praise of all his faithful
servants, of Israel, the people close
to his heart.

Praise the Lord.

The version I did in the schools involved us all acting out angels by flapping our wings and shouting out "Thank you, God"; being mountains; trees, animals and so on and repeating that phrase "Thank you God" in many different ways.

The Psalm is a wonderful picture of Creation being thankful to God and towards the end of the Psalm we find what the bible sees as the culmination of God's creation, human beings, you and me, being thankful to God and praising his name.

The time in the schools ended with us thinking about what we are thankful for - in terms of God's creation, but it is a good question to think about more widely.

What are we thankful for?

Family, friends, neighbours, community, peace, and I suspect many others might appear on our lists.

I wonder whether God and His love for us might appear on that list? It does for me. It is of help to me to

have a focus on God and to be able to praise Him for His love and goodness.

And I am thankful to our Churches in the Parish that give me the opportunity to do so, alongside others as we gather to worship each week.

Steve Lillierap



Marina Neaves

Barrie Neaves and family would like to thank everyone for the kindness and well wishes they have received following the death of Marina Neaves on 24 September. Especially as it follows so closely after the passing of her husband Norman. Marina had dementia for the last 10 years of her life, and Barrie has asked that everyone remembers her the way she was, not the way she had become. Special thanks to Jan, Kathy and Sandra for preparing the tea in the hall after the funeral, it was very much appreciated by everyone.

Eastling Church Flower Rota

3rd November - Philippa Charter

10th - Nerys Condrup

17th & 24th Steph Youle

1st Dec - Trish Advent Candle

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota please call Bay on 01795 892036.



Prayer Pointers

November 2019

Sundays - Remembering with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Mondays - Pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain, continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

Tuesdays - Pray for members of the armed forces who are in danger this day and for civilian people whose lives are disfigured by war or terror.

Wednesdays - Pray for the peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free.

Thursdays - May God grant wisdom and resolve to all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership; political, military and religious.

Fridays - Give thanks and pray for all those recently baptised.

Saturdays - Pray that as we honour the past, we may put our faith in God's future; who is the source of all life and hope.

Services in High Downs

3rd November All Saints

Ephesians 1. 11 - end, Luke 6. 20 - 31

Eastling 10.30 am Holy Communion by extension (CW)

10th November Remembrance Sunday

2 Thessalonians 2. 1 - 5, 13 - end, Luke 20. 27 - 38

Eastling 10.30am CaféStyle in Village Hall

Throwley 10.40 am Remembrance Service

17th November 2 before Advent

2 Thessalonians 3. 6 - 13, Luke 21. 5 - 19

Stalisfield 10.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

24th November Christ the King

Colossians 1. 11 - 20, Luke 23. 33 - 43

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

1st December Advent Sunday

Romans 13. 11 - end, Matthew 24. 36 - 44

Eastling 10.30 am Holy Communion by extension (CW)

(BCP) Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662.

(CW) Service follows Common Worship Liturgy, 2000.

KINGSDOWN and CREEKSIDE SERVICES

Sunday 3rd November – All Saints

9.00am Lynsted Holy Communion BCP

9.00am Oare Holy Communion CW

10.30am Doddington Holy Communion CW

10.30am Norton Family Service

10.30am Teynham Family Service

3.30pm Teynham Bereavement

6.00pm Lynsted Breakthrough

Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Sunday

9.00am Oare Holy Communion CW

10.30am Newnham Holy Communion CW

10.40am Teynham Remembrance Service

3.00pm Newnham Remembrance Service

and Doddington

6.00pm Lynsted Breakthrough

Sunday 17th November – Second Sunday before Advent

9.00am Newnham Holy Communion BCP

9.00am Oare Holy Communion CW

10.30am Doddington Family Service

10.30am Norton Holy Communion CW traditional

10.30am Teynham Family Service

3.30pm Teynham Holy Communion BCP

6.00pm Lynsted Breakthrough

Sunday 25th November – Sunday before Advent

9.00am Doddington Holy Communion BCP

10:30am Lynsted Holy Communion ext CW

10.30am Newnham Family Service

10.30am Oare Morning Worship

10.30am Teynham Family Service & Communion

3.30pm Teynham Evensong

6.00pm Lynsted Breakthrough

High Downs Parish

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facebook.com/highdownsbenefice

Priest in Charge Reverend Canon Steve Lillicrap
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4 Meesons Close, Eastling

Reader Caroline Ramshaw (01795 892088)
4 Glebe Cottages, Eastling

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Administrator Janet Payne
E mail: eastlingchurch@gmail.com

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Jean West (01233 712270)

Administrator Sheila Moger (01233 463746)
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Throwley Gaynore Moss (01795 890995)

From the Registers

Baptisms

Carly Patricia Savill
28th September 2019 at Eastling

Max Lewis Peter Manley
6th October 2019 at Eastling

Funeral

Marina Ivy Constance Neaves
23rd October 2019 Cremation at Charing

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group: 12th & 26th November, 9.30am.
at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, 18 Beech
Close, Faversham. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm
Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm,
Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

CONTACT THE GOOD NEWS EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the December 2019 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th November to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: goodnewsmagazine@me.com

Past and current issues of the Good News may be viewed on ccgi.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

CHRISTMAS TREES

2019

Thank you for your great support last year by raising £10,465 for 200 trees. As last year, as previously listed, donations are being given to some 44 local parishes and nearly 20 charities.

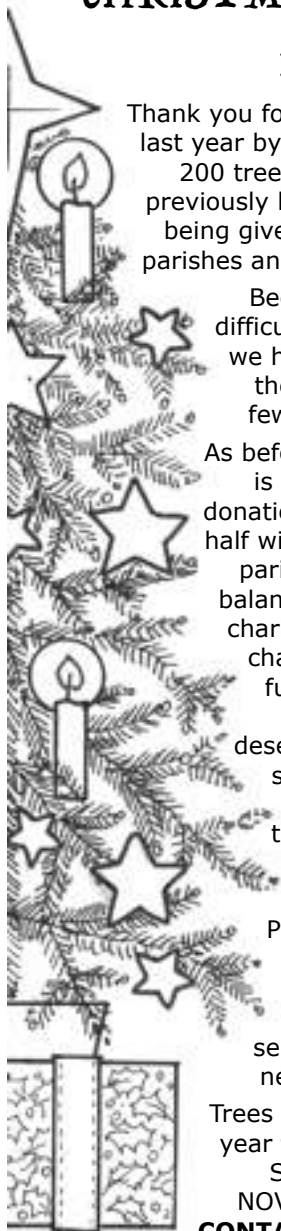
Because of the more difficult growing conditions we have all had this year there are likely to be fewer trees available.

As before, the arrangement is for you to make a donation for your tree; over half will be returned to your parish church with the balance going to the 20 charities. This is a great chance for you to raise funds for your parish church and some deserving charities at the same time. As all the trees are growing they will remain in the ground until collected.

Please phone or email us to fix a date, preferably at weekends, to visit to select prior to collection nearer Christmas.

Trees will be available this year **for selection** from **SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER. PLEASE CONTACT US TO TELL US WHEN YOU'D LIKE TO COME!**

Alison and Peter Howard, Nashs Farmhouse, Luddenham, Faversham, Kent ME13 0TQ. Tel 01795 532596, email nashsfarmhouse@btinternet.com



Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

Members had a lovely meeting in October with two ladies from DEBRA. (*DEBRA is the national charity that funds research and healthcare to support individuals and families affected by Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) – a painful genetic skin blistering condition which, in the worst cases, can be fatal.*) Apparently there are just 5000 cases of EB in the UK and 500,000 worldwide. Anything that can be sold in the charity shop in Faversham makes a profit which goes into research into this horrid disease. Imagine being unable to cuddle your baby because it's skin is so very sensitive! Some people end up in wheelchairs because they are unable to walk because of the blisters on their feet.

The next meeting on Tuesday 19th November is our AGM and as nobody has come forward to form a committee then we definitely will be suspended. Before we do that however Sandy Moriarty will tell us all about Denman where W.I. members can go on courses or just to visit.

I hope members will find other W.I. branches to suit them.
Barbara Elliott.



December 31st – 8.00 'til late

at Eastling Village Hall
Dress to Impress or come casual if you prefer. Bring your own party food to share and your favourite tippie.

Tables of 10 or share a table and make new friends on the night...everyone welcome. The hall will be dressed in cabaret style with tablecloths and soft lighting.

Limited number of tickets available on a first come first served basis, tickets £5 per person, payable in advance.

Call Trudy on 07881 630219 or email trudy23@btinternet.com

All proceeds go to the Village Hall and Seniors' Christmas Lunch

Eastling Volunteers.

Our volunteering activities have been effected by illnesses and other changes that mean we need some new recruits. We work in three areas – the tidy up team which service various roads and footpaths clearing rubbish, heavenly cleaners who clean the church for major festivals 3 or 4 times a year and the driver group who assist with medical appointments and shopping.

Please contact Julia Bailey if you feel able to join any of our groups.

julia.bailey98@outlook.com
01795 890401



THROWLEY VILLAGE CHOIR

Throwley village choir would love to recruit new members.

It is a true "all-comers" choir, you don't need to read music, the only qualification for joining is that you enjoy singing. We sing all sorts of music including pop songs, folk and traditional songs and even pieces by Henry VIII.

Some choir members also sing in the church choir which is a separate choir. The sole purpose of the Throwley Village choir is for people to enjoy singing together.

We will be starting rehearsals on November 3rd at 11am (venue tbc) for the Christmas Carol Service on 22 December in Throwley Church.

Please let David, Gaynore or any other member of the Choir know if you would like to come along and sing with us, we look forward to welcoming you.

David: davidjelvin@gmail.com
Gaynore:
gaynoremoss@hotmail.com

Accommodation Required,

preferably in the Eastling Area or Stalisfield or Otterden, for our Daughter.

For details please contact Angela Lee

Telephone 01795 890143

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Otterden with Stalisfield W.I.

Unfortunately our reserved Speaker, Nigel, had double booked himself for October's Meeting. However, one of our ladies came to the rescue and, keeping to the art theme, asked her friend Janis Milne to come along in Nigel's place. Janis teaches art to primary school children, which actually was about our group's level of expertise generally. Janis concentrated on portraiture, giving us a demonstration of portrait proportions of a face. We then all had a go at drawing each other, with a great variety of success/failure! Hopefully no one took the results too personally! The evening was great fun though, especially as we welcomed another couple of new members to our group. We also had an invited guest - Jane Backshall, the West Kent Federation Chair, who joined in the evenings antics. It was good to meet the person behind the photo we see in the monthly West Kent publication.

A number of us will be going along to the Copper Rivet Distillery in Chatham on 23rd October for one of our occasional outings.

We are all looking forward to our bi-annual Wine Tasting evening with Andrew Higgs at on 6th November at 7.30 p.m. Wine and accompanying nibbles will be available, free for Members, or £5 each for Guests. It is always a popular event, becoming

increasingly louder as the evening progresses. A raffle will also be held with a wide range of prizes.

To finish the year, we have Wreath Making at our December meeting by popular demand. This will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, due to the annual Pantomime. There is a small charge for the oasis, but bring your own foliage/flowers/decorations. Mulled wine with seasonal food will also be available. To cheer up what is usually a quiet January, an evening out at a local restaurant is being arranged, instead of a Christmas Dinner.

If you would like to join our Group, please contact our President Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or our Secretary Helen Brooks on 07477 580727. We generally meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Stalisfield Village Hall.

Stalisfield Highlife

Our annual *Seniors' Christmas Tea*

will be held in Stalisfield Village Hall on Saturday 14th December from 4pm.

If you are over 60, live locally and would like to attend, please contact Tracey no later than 7th December to reserve your seat and arrange transportation, if needed. Tracey's phone number is 01795 890517 or email her at Traceysmith210@btinternet.com

Even if you are a regular attendee please ensure you reserve your place. We had a big turn out and great time last year, so we look forward to seeing you for another festive celebration.

Stalisfield needs YOU!

The Carol Service is on Sunday, 15th December at 5pm; we need readers of all ages, singers for the choir and a soloist!

Also suggestions of your favourite carols, readings, poems or prayers.

Finally, do come and join us in celebrating Christmas and stay for mulled wine!

Please contact Kate on 07810 721125 or katejamiesoncornhill@gmail.com with any suggestions or if you'd like to help and put the date in your diary.



**Stalisfield Carol
Singing Thursday 19th
December.
Meet at The Village hall
6pm.**



Stalisfield Harvest Supper

After a year off, the Stalisfield Harvest Supper was back and was a really great evening for the village.

Thanks to everyone for the support with setting up the hall and for the fabulous flowers which easily rivalled those of a professional florist. To the cooks who provided delicious home baked bread, cottage pies and apple crumbles and to the people who served, waited tables, provided a well stocked bar and those who washed up and cleared up afterwards. To the villagers who provided entertainment with singing, poetry and dancing, those who sold raffle tickets and to all the people that attended and had an enjoyable time.

The icing on the cake was that we raised the fantastic sum of £653 for the village hall funds.

David Pickup, a solicitor, offers some tips on managing debt.

Family debt

Supposing you find out that your partner has a serious amount of debt. What do you do? You might have discovered it by seeing a letter or answering the phone or the door to someone who is trying to collect a debt. Discovering that the family finances are not what you thought can be devastating to any relationship.

Some people find it very hard to discuss debt problems, especially when they get out of control. It can be easier to ignore the situation than be open. However, the brown envelopes keep coming, and then telephone calls start and possibly cards appear saying someone is going to call at your home. What do you do?

You need to find out what the full picture is. This might involve sitting down with piles of bills and letters and sorting them out into order. You need to check what the priorities are. Are the most important commitments being kept up like rent or mortgage? You might need to do a family budget and look at household expenditure. Also check if these are all genuine debts or could they be too old to be enforceable or are they scams?

You will probably need advice from an experienced debt advisor. Fortunately, there are some good sources of advice. Many local authorities have advisors, there are

some excellent charities such as Christians Against Poverty and the CAB. Always check advice is free. Any reputable lender will give you time to get advice.

Perhaps you are not affected in this way but know of neighbours or friends who might be; is there a way of them getting the help they need? Do you have information in your community about how to access advice?

As usual this is just a guide, you should always get proper advice.



Citizens Advice Swale

Faversham Office is at
43 Stone Street ME13 8PH.

Opening times

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
10am - 2.30pm - Drop In
Tuesday - appointments only
Thursday - Closed

Debt - specialist debt team can help people deal with their debts and help process debt relief orders.

<https://citizensadviceSwale.uk/debt/>

Other advice on Benefits; Help to Claim; Housing; Pensions. Also 30 minutes free legal advice with local legal firm Tassels.

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Winter Landscape

by Audrey Keen

The winter landscape that I see today
Is draped this noon-time in a dismal grey.
There is no movement from the blanket wood
Where still oaks stand untroubled by the cloud.
Shall I not see the blue-white sky and merry sun
Or gulls that come to pecked at food from here?
The rooks and pigeons gone, Their call is numbed quiet so by time,
And noiseless mists creep on to dim and so devour
The day that I concede be shadowed further by each hour.



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DIARY DATES

4th November - Bonfire Night

Bring your Guy Fawkes and enjoy an evening of mulled wine to keep you warm.
From 5pm.

6th December - Christmas Tree Lights Switch On! 6 - 7pm

Join the village for carols and mulled wine around the tree. Mince pies and Christmas activities for children in the pub.

New Year's Eve Spectacular

Book your tables now to join us for a New Year's Eve music/meal spectacular
5pm - 11.30pm

Keep up to date by following us on **Facebook, Twitter or Instagram**

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Potholes – now deeper than the Grand Canyon

If you hate potholes, here is a statistic that will give you grim satisfaction: the combined depth of potholes in England is now 15 times that of the lowest point in the Grand Canyon. Plus, a new pothole is reported every 43 seconds.

In all, nearly 700,000 potholes were reported on the highways over the past year. That is a 13 per cent increase on the previous year, according to data obtained by the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB). As most local authorities define a pothole as any dip in the road surface that is 40mm deep or more, that means that the combined depth of the past year's potholes would reach 28km. This is 15 times deeper than the Grand Canyon, and three times the height of Mount Everest.

No wonder that last year more than £1.9million was paid as compensation to motorists whose vehicles had been damaged by a pothole.

Eastling Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794

010 394 or 01795 890848

Police 101 Emergency 999



Thieves have decided to attack the Eastling water works again removing all the copper roof plus the guttering around the front building. They obviously took notice of all the security around the building. If any person has any information regarding this crime please contact the police on 101 or give me a call.

It seems the scam calls regarding a £600 bank fraud is still making the rounds, please do not get involved and please note that your phone line may still be connected to their line for a few minutes after you have ended the call.

There are reports of hare coursing being carried out in the local area, please do not approach these horrible people but if at all possible obtain a vehicle number and call 101.

Winter is arriving so remember to check your vehicles over.

Have a good month and take care
Alan Willson

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Mouse Makes

What kind of transport goes with each bible character?

NOAH	DONKEY
BAALAM	CHARIOT
MOSES	SHIP
JONAH	ARK
ELIJAH	BIG FISH
PHILIP	BASKET
PAUL	WHIRLWIND

BIBLE JOURNEYS

Where did Noah's ark come to rest after it's journey?

Genesis 8:4

Where did God tell Samuel to travel to to find a new king?

1 Samuel 16:1-4

To which city did God send Jonah?

Jonah 1:1-2

Which town did Joseph take Mary to before Jesus was born?

Luke 2:4

Where did Mary and Joseph flee to to get away from Herod?

Matthew 2:13

Where was Saul (Paul) going to when Jesus spoke to him?

Acts 9:1-18

"Lord,
If I go east where the sun rises or go to live west beyond the sea, even there you will take my hand and lead me. Your strong right hand will protect me."
Psalm 139:9:10

Find the travel words in the word search

JOURNEY

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Eastling Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday, 13th November, at 6.30pm in the village hall.

Residents are welcome to attend.

2020
Volunteer
Swale Awards

Volunteer
Swale Awards

Do you know a team or individual who give up their time to help others?

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Nominations open Friday 4 October to Sunday 22 December 2019

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St Mary's Church presents...

CAFESTYLE

Sunday 10th November
10.30 – 11.30am

Eastling Village Hall

A creative time of worship:
Church in a Café setting.

worship discussion reflection
prayer fellowship

Tea, coffee & yummy nibbles will be available throughout the service, which will include sung worship, times of prayer, with opportunities for discussion & reflection, and space for the youngest & oldest to worship altogether



Eastling School News

The whole school celebrated Harvest Festival at St Mary's with Norman Fowler on Friday 11th October. It was a wonderful service with each class adding something unique. Acorn class sang a song about a scarecrow, Birch class told us where our food comes from, Willow class sang a song called 'Old Town Farm' and Oak class shared the importance of looking after our Planet. The children kindly donated items for the Faversham Foodbank. The following week our reception children made some food deliveries to people in the community.

Each of our classes have already had at least one school trip to enhance their learning. These have included Leeds Castle, Little Street, RNLI at Whitstable, Macknades and Whitstable Nature Reserve. We are able to maintain this level of school trips due to the school having two minibuses.

Our Friends of Eastling Primary School (FOES) have been busy organising a Halloween Disco for the end of term, selling Pantomime tickets for the annual trip to the Marlowe and arranging the whole year's events.

The school has three planned open sessions for prospective parents and children to visit the school. These are 1pm-3pm on Wednesday 30th October, 10-12 Thursday 31st October and Tuesday 5th November. If any prospective parents are unable to make the planned days then please phone the school office to arrange a visit, which is convenient for you. We do have a few spaces available across the school for an immediate start. Please contact the school office on 01795 890252.

For further information please visit our school website where photographs and newsletters are displayed and updated regularly.

The Stalisfield Pantomime

Jack and the Beanstalk

Friday December 6th and Saturday December 7th
at 7.30pm in Stalisfield Village Hall

When Jack buys some "magic beans" from Fairy Dust it leads to some very unpredictable results! This traditional pantomime is given its customary Stalisfield spin. An evening of fun and surprises for all the family.

Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for children and are available from Sharon on 01795 890415 or from bookings@stalisfieldvillagehall.co.uk



Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 8th December

The children of Stalisfield, Otterden and surrounding area are invited to our lovely Village Hall for the Annual Christmas Party.

Suitable for ALL ages 0-18, every child is welcome!

There will be food, drink, games galore, a 'Secret Room' and if we're all really good; a special visitor!



Registration **ESSENTIAL** you'll receive a confirmation e-mail in return.



Book your place now with Su at suandyjoe@yahoo.co.uk or on 01795 890334. The more the merrier....



Help feed local people in crisis

Foodbank November 2019

Thank you for the extra contributions that we have received over Harvest both from the village and the school. They are much appreciated. The staff at the Foodbank have asked us to let you know that they do not need anymore baked beans or pasta currently.

Food list for November

Advent calendars for children (These need to be received in November to be distributed before the beginning of December)
deodorant; shampoo; tinned meat; chocolate; biscuits.

LOCAL COLLECTION POINT

inside Eastling Church, on the back pew.